

Missing and Endangered

Endangerment Criteria

Youth's Name

Date of Birth

Nickname

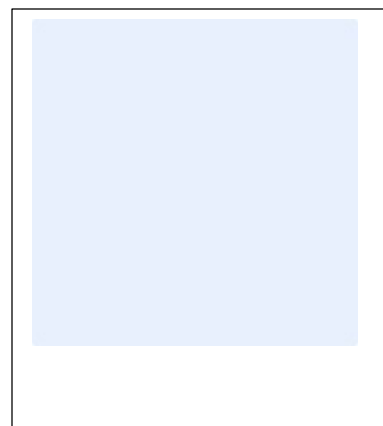
Gender Identification

Distinguishing Characteristics

County of Residence

Primary DHHR Contact

Contact Number



Please identify any of the following characteristics pertaining to the child that may place them in an endangered status in the event the child goes missing. Justify the selection in the details section. Check only those that apply. This information must be updated every six months, including the photo of the child, or when substantial changes to the child's appearance or status as endangered change. When a missing child report is made, this information must be reported to law enforcement and to Centralized Intake. Reports must be made immediately when a child is believed to be endangered.

Serious Substance Use Disorder - A disease that affects a person's brain and behavior and leads to an inability to control the use of a legal or illegal drug or medication. A missing child becomes an endangered child when there is a reasonable cause to believe that the child will attempt to obtain drugs by any means necessary or the use of such substances substantially endangers the child's safety.

Details.

Actively Homicidal – A child who is currently capable of or tending toward murder. A missing child becomes endangered when there is reasonable cause to believe the child will, or will attempt to, commit murder.

Details.

Actively Suicidal – A child who is currently expressing thoughts or actions indicating their desire to take their own life. A missing child becomes endangered when there is reasonable cause to believe the child will, or will attempt to, commit suicide.

Details.

Self-Harming – A child who is currently engaged in behaviors with the express intent to physically harm themselves but not commit suicide. A missing child becomes endangered when there is

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reasonable cause to believe that the child's self-harming behaviors may substantially endanger the child's safety.

Details.

Life Threatening Medical Condition Requiring Medication – A child who is currently prescribed medication for a medical condition and the prescribed medication is necessary to sustain life or reasonable health. A missing child becomes endangered when the absence of necessary medications places the child at significant risk of harm or death.

Details.

Atypical Sexual Behaviors – A child who demonstrates sexual behaviors which are outside of normal behaviors for a child of the same age or developmental stage. A missing child becomes endangered when the sexual behavior places the child at an increased risk of significant harm.

Details.

Intellectual or Developmental Disability – A child with significant physical limitations or significant limitations both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behavior, which covers a range of everyday social and practical skills.

Details.

Pregnant – A child who is carrying a fetus. The risk to the child and unborn infant increases as the mother gets closer to her delivery date.

Details.

Violent Behavior – A child who demonstrates behavior that threatens or harms or injures the individual or others or destroys property. A missing child becomes endangered when the violent behavior is severe and actively threatens community safety.

Details.

History of Trafficking – A child who has a documented history of sexual exploitation or discloses current or historical exploitation.

Details.

Age 13 or under – A missing child who is 13 years or under.

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Situational Endangerment Criteria

The following questions must be reviewed each time a child is identified as missing. A “yes” response to any of these questions may indicate the child is endangered. Report the information to law enforcement and Centralized Intake.

Did the child leave in a motorized vehicle? (explain)

Are weather conditions likely to pose a risk? *The weather can easily pose significant risk to a child who has gone missing. Additionally, a combination of factors including health status, mental cognition, and clothing may increase the risk the weather poses and should be considered (explain).*

Has the child’s behavior significantly changed recently, and such changes are not attributed to a change in medication? *Changes in behavior can indicate underlying issues which may be attributed to their status as missing (explain).*

Is the child party to a protection order or party to a no contact order? *A child that is party to such an order may be at elevated risk due to a likely history of violence, stalking, or harassment (explain).*

Has the youth acquired any tattoos, burns, or significant cuts they are reluctant to explain? *Tattoos which show ownership, like names, dollar signs, symbols, and acronyms, or other branding methods such as burns and cuts can indicate the child is involved in trafficking (explain).*

Has the child recently obtained unaccounted for money or goods? *New expensive clothes, mobile devices, drugs or alcohol, hotel keys, and money from unexplained persons or obtained by suspicious means may indicate the child is being groomed and at-risk of trafficking or is a victim of trafficking (explain).*

Has the child recently acquired new friends, communicated with persons known to be dangerous, increased their online activity, or become protective or defensive of their online activity? *New friends either personal or online may indicate the child is being groomed and at-risk of trafficking or is a victim of trafficking. Some individuals, such as a child’s parent may be dangerous or place the child’s safety in jeopardy (explain).*